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1. Eleven fighters, seven with light blue and four with dark green paint, were counted in front of the open hangar of the ORANIEBURG (N 53°Z 67°) airfield.

Description: Single-seat, in-line engine, low-wing monoplane, landing gear retracting inward, rear section of cockpit fairing into fuselage, antenna rod aft of cockpit, rudder assembly with slanting vertical fin pointed atop and bulgy rudder, wings tapering and dihedral.

2. A twin-engine aircraft crossed the field at about 1 p.m. heading north at an altitude of 1,000 feet.

Description: Type of engine not identified, full-view cockpit, single rudder assembly, wings conspicuously small and long, rounded wing tips, retractable tail wheel. There was no other flying.

3. The construction work on the new concrete runway had been completed (for location see Annex). A runway with sodded strips alongside was about 130x5,000 to 5,800 feet. An asphalt taxiway from the hangar ran along the north and west edges of the field.

4. Sixteen bombs of about 250 kg caliber were piled in the ammunition dump north of the field. About one third of the quartering buildings northeast of the field were vacant.

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5. Eighteen single-engine aircraft covered with tarpaulins were parked near the hangar. As before, there was no flying. Few soldiers were observed in the kaserne area.

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Comment:

The report confirms that the field was occupied by Yak-3 fighters. According to the number of fighters, one fighter regiment is assumed to be stationed there. This is the first information on the completion of the construction work on the runway.

1 Annex: ORA TIMBURG Airfield

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